

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) O/W emulsifier containing
 - (a) 70 to 90 wt.% of glyceryl oleate citrate and
 - (b) 10 to 30 wt.% of a viscosity modifier having a viscosity in the range from 1 to 10,000 mPas.
2. (Original) O/W emulsifier according to claim 1, characterised in that the glyceryl oleate citrate is an ester of monooleic and/or dioleic acid glycerides with citric acid.
3. (Original) O/W emulsifier according to claim 2, characterised in that the glyceryl oleate citrate is obtainable by esterification of citric acid with monooleic acid glyceride in a molar ratio of 0.3:1 to 1.5:1.
4. (Original) O/W emulsifier according to claim 3, characterised in that the molar ratio is in the range from 0.7:1 to 1.2:1.
5. (Original) O/W emulsifier according to claim 1, characterised in that the glyceryl oleate citrate is fully neutralised.
6. (Original) O/W emulsifier according to claim 1, characterised in that the glyceryl oleate citrate has a pH in the range from 5 to 8.
7. (Original) O/W emulsifier according to claim 6, characterised in that the pH is in the range from pH 5.8 to pH 6.2.
8. (Original) O/W emulsifier according to claim 7, characterised in that the pH is 6.0.

9. (Original) O/W emulsifier according to claim 1, characterised in that the glyceryl oleate citrate has an HLB value in the range from 9 to 15.

10. (Original) O/W emulsifier according to claim 9, characterised in that the HLB value is in the range from 11 to 13.

11. (Original) O/W emulsifier according to claim 1, characterised in that the proportion of glyceryl oleate citrate in the O/W emulsifier is in the range from 75 to 85 wt.%.

12. (Original) O/W emulsifier according to claim 11, characterised in that the proportion of glyceryl oleate citrate in the O/W emulsifier is 80 wt.%.

13. (Original) O/W emulsifier according to claim 1, characterised in that the viscosity of the viscosity modifier is in the range from 1 to 1000 mPas.

14. (Original) O/W emulsifier according to claim 13, characterised in that the viscosity of the viscosity modifier is in the range from 1 to 100 mPas.

15. (Original) O/W emulsifier according to claim 1, characterised in that the viscosity modifier is a native oil.

16. (Original) O/W emulsifier according to claim 1, characterised in that the viscosity modifier is a caprylic/capric triglyceride.

17. (Original) O/W emulsifier according to claim 16, characterised in that the caprylic acid content is 50 to 72 wt.% and the capric acid content

is 26 to 45 wt.%, relative in each case to the fatty acids contained in the triglyceride.

18. (Currently Amended) Use of A method comprising the incorporation of glyceryl oleate citrate or an O/W emulsifier according to one or more of claims 1 to 17 claim 1 in cosmetic or dermatological compositions.

19. (Currently Amended) Use A method according to claim 18 wherein said glycerol oleate citrate in said O/W emulsifier is incorporated in a quantity sufficient for the complexation of complexing metal traces in lipophilic systems, or as a synergist and solution aid for antioxidants or and wherein said composition is a in skin care or makeup product products.

20. (Currently Amended) Use A method according to claim 18, characterised in that the cosmetic or dermatological composition is an emulsion and the O/W emulsifier content in the overall formulation is 2 to 5 wt.%.

21. (Currently Amended) O/W emulsion containing an O/W emulsifier according to one or more of claims 1 to 17 claim 1.